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A Portion of Antlerless Moose Hunt, RM785, Closes in Minto Flats

A portion of antlerless moose hunt, RM785, in the Minto Flats Management Area will be closed when the state registration permit hunt RM785 opens on Monday, October 15, 2018.

Most of the hunt area will remain open. The season in the remainder of the Minto Flats Management Area antlerless moose hunt, RM785, will open October 15 through February 28, or until the harvest quota of 21 cow moose is reached.

The closed area is south of the south bank of the Chatanika River from the Dunbar trail to Goldstream Creek, east and north of the east and north banks of Goldstream Creek from the Chatanika River to the Dunbar trail, and east of the Dunbar trail from Goldstream Creek to the Chatanika River for the taking of antlerless moose.

This is the second year that this portion of the hunt area will be closed. Prior to last year a large portion of the antlerless moose harvest has been in this small area of Minto Flats. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game is closing the area to prevent localized overharvest and to spread harvest to portions of Minto Flats that continue to have high densities of moose.

"Hunters who access the hunt area from Murphy Dome or Standard Creek road need to be aware that they must travel either west of Goldstream Creek or north of the Chatanika River before harvesting a moose", said Area Biologist, Tony Hollis. "It makes for a longer trip, but our goal is to prevent overharvest in this small area and to avoid excess population growth throughout the remainder of Minto Flats".

Successful hunters are reminded to report within 2 days of harvesting a moose by completing a permit hunt report online at <http://hunt.alaska.gov>, or by returning their hunt report card to the Fairbanks ADF&G office. Unsuccessful hunters must return their reports to the Fairbanks office or report online at <http://hunt.alaska.gov> by March 15, 2019. Unsuccessful hunters may mail their reports.

Hunters are urged to obtain a receipt when they turn in their hunt reports. Permit holders who fail to report will not be allowed to obtain registration, drawing, or tier I and II permits next year, and may be cited for a violation of the Alaska hunting regulations.

In 2012, the Board of Game authorized the Department to open registration permit hunt RM785 for antlerless moose in Unit 20B between October 15 and February 28 each year and close it by emergency order when the quota is met.

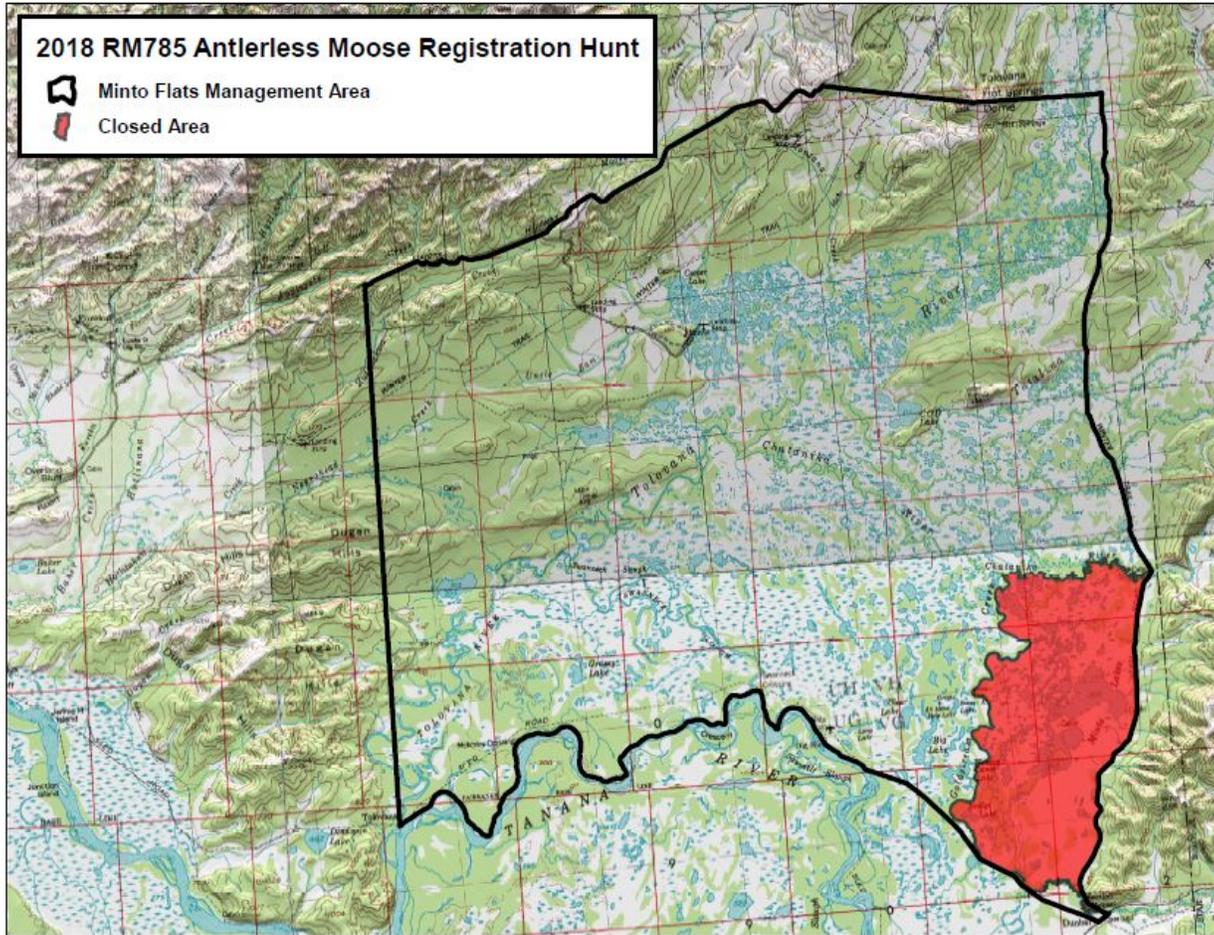
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